

24 States	Local Government Employees Covered by State Employee Plan
Arkansas	School employees. (since 2003)
California	Municipal employees. (since 1967)
Delaware	Municipal employees.
Florida	School employees.
Georgia	Municipal and school employees
Hawaii	Municipal and school employees.
Illinois	Municipal employees.
Kentucky	School employees.
Louisiana	School employees. (since 1980)
Maryland	Municipal employees.
Massachusetts	Municipal employees. (since summer 2007)
Mississippi	School employees.
Missouri	Municipal and school employees.
Nevada	Municipal and school employees.
New Jersey	Municipal and school employees. (since 1964)
New Mexico	Municipal employees.
New York	Municipal and school employees. (since 1958)
North Carolina	School employees.
South Carolina	Municipal and school employees.
Tennessee	Municipal and school employees.
Utah	Municipal and school employees. (since 1977)
Washington	Municipal and school employees.
West Virginia	Municipal and school employees. (since 1988)
Wisconsin	Municipal employees.

### **Massachusetts Municipal Partnership Act**

- Governor Patrick signed the Act on July 25, 2007.
- Allows municipal employees to join the state health care plan. The following may also join: regional councils of government and regional planning agencies, charter schools and educational collaboratives.
- Unions gave up their right to collectively bargain for health benefits. Municipal officials must create coalitions to negotiate over the terms of enrollment.

- The Massachusetts Municipal Association determined that municipal health insurance costs increased by 13% on average each year over a six-year period, which was almost double the increase that the state plan experienced.